Docket No. 6655P041C   <u>PATENT</u>

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:

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       SWITCHING FAULT TOLERANCE
       SCHEMES

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<u>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)</u>
<u>AFTER ALLOWANCE</u>

Sir:

Although the above-identified application has been allowed, applicants respectfully

request that the application be amended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) as follows:

<u>IN THE SPECIFICATION</u>

On page 15, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following

paragraph:

First, the time spent in communications (C) is generally independent of the

service time (S). However, the service time (S) at any given instant can depend on the

current load on the server 16 or device processing the user request. In other words, the

load on the server may be so great that the server is computationally too busy to timely